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The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4098
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assemblymember Jackson:

SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2546

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Health Services (Department) supports AB 2546. We thank you for carrying this legislation on behalf of the Department. This bill would revise California State law addressing certification of radon service providers. The current law requires the Department to accept the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) radon purveyor proficiency standards to certify the providers. The EPA program is no longer in existence. Therefore, the Department is without a standard to use to certify these activities. This bill would allow the Department to use the radon certification standards of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB). These are nationally recognized programs operated by non-profit organizations. EPA authorized and provided funds to develop alternatives to its radon proficiency standards.

Without implementation of AB 2546, people would be unable to legally operate new radon service businesses in California. As current certifications expire, radon service providers will not be able to continue their work.

The passage of AB 2546 is critical in enabling the Department to maintain a level of public health and consumer protection against lung cancer caused by radon. If you have any questions regarding the Department's position on AB 2546, please call me at (916) 657-2843.

Sincerely,

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